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May 4, 2005

Mr. Larry L. Johnson Assistant Regional Counsel, Region 5 U. S. Environmental Protection Agency 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re: <u>Himco</u>

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for speaking with me today regarding the recent 104(e) request sent to Elixir Industries for the Himco Dump Site. This letter confirms your approval to provide a response by June 17, 2004.

We appreciate your courtesy.

Yours very truly,

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